

AIR FORCE LEADERS



MICHAEL W. WYNNE
SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
Hometown: Clearwater, Fla.



GEN. T. MICHAEL MOSELEY
CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE AIR FORCE
Hometown: Dallas



RODNEY J. MCKINLEY
CHIEF MASTER SGT. OF THE AIR FORCE
Hometown: Orab, Ohio

Secretaries of the Air Force

W. Stuart Symington Sept. 18, 1947 - April 24, 1950
Thomas E. Finletter April 24, 1950 - Jan. 20, 1953
Harold E. Talbot Feb. 4, 1953 - Aug. 13, 1955
Donald A. Quarles Aug. 15, 1955 - April 30, 1957
James H. Douglas Jr. May 1, 1957 - Dec. 10, 1959
Dudley C. Sharp Dec. 11, 1959 - Jan. 20, 1961
Eugene M. Zuckert Jan. 23, 1961 - Sept. 30, 1965
Harold Brown Oct. 1, 1965 - Feb. 14, 1969
Robert C. Seamans Jr. Feb. 15, 1969 - May 1973
John L. McLucas May 15, 1973 - Nov. 23, 1975
James W. Plummer Nov. 23, 1975 - Jan. 2, 1976, as acting secretary of the Air Force
Jan. 2, 1976 - April 5, 1977
Thomas C. Reed Jan. 29, 1977 - May 18, 1979
John C. Stetson May 18, 1979 - Feb. 9, 1981
Hans M. Mark Feb. 1, 1981 - Nov. 30, 1985
Verne Orr Dec. 1, 1985 - April 7, 1986
Russell A. Rourke April 8, 1986 - Dec. 16, 1988
Edward C. Aldridge Jr. Dec. 16, 1988 - April 29, 1989, as acting secretary of the Air Force
James F. McGovern April 29, 1989 - May 21, 1989, as acting secretary of the Air Force
John J. Welch May 1, 1989 - Jan. 20, 1993
Donald B. Rice Jan. 20, 1993 - July 13, 1993, as acting secretary of the Air Force
Michael B. Donley July 14, 1993 - Aug. 5, 1993, as acting secretary of the Air Force
Gen. Merrill A. McPeak

Sheila E. Widnall Aug. 6, 1993 - Oct. 31, 1997
F. Whitten Peters Nov. 1, 1997 to Jan. 20, 2001
Dr. Lawrence J. Delaney Jan. 21, 2001 - May 31, 2001 as acting secretary of the Air Force
Dr. James G. Roche June 1, 2001 - Jan. 20, 2005
Michael L. Dominguez March 2005 - July 2005 as acting secretary of the Air Force
Nov. 2005 - present

Air Force chiefs of staff

Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Sept. 26, 1947 - April 29, 1948
Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg April 30, 1948 - June 29, 1953
Gen. Nathan F. Twining June 30, 1953 - June 30, 1957
Served as Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff — August 1957 - Sept. 1960
Gen. Thomas D. White July 1, 1957 - June 30, 1961
Gen. Curtis E. LeMay June 30, 1961 - Jan. 31, 1965
Gen. John P. McConnell Feb. 1, 1965 - July 31, 1969
Gen. John D. Ryan Aug. 1, 1969 - July 31, 1973
Gen. George S. Brown Aug. 1, 1973 - June 30, 1974
Served as Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff — July 1974 - June 1978
Gen. David C. Jones July 1, 1974 - June 20, 1978
Served as Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff June 1978 - June 1987
Gen. Lew Allen Jr. July 1, 1978 - June 30, 1982
Gen. Charles A. Gabriel July 1, 1982 - June 30, 1986
Gen. Larry D. Welch July 1, 1986 - June 30, 1990

Gen. Michael J. Dugan July 1 - Sept. 17, 1990
Gen. John M. Loh Sept. 18, 1990 - Oct. 29, 1990 as acting Chief of Staff
Oct. 30, 1990 - Oct. 25, 1994
Gen. Merrill A. McPeak Oct. 26, 1994 - Sept. 1, 1997
Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman Nov. 6, 1997 - Sept. 6, 2001
Gen. John P. Jumper Sept. 6, 2001 - Sept. 1, 2005
Gen. T. Michael Moseley Sept. 2, 2005 - present

Chief master sergeants of the Air Force

Paul W. Airey 1967 - 1969
Donald L. Harlow 1969 - 1971
Richard D. Kisling 1971 - 1973
Thomas N. Barnes 1973 - 1977
Robert D. Gaylor 1977 - 1979
James M. McCoy 1979 - 1981
Arthur L. Andrews 1981 - 1983
Sam E. Parish 1983 - 1986
James C. Binnicker 1986 - 1990
Gary R. Pfingston 1990 - 1994
David J. Campanale 1994 - 1996
Eric W. Benken 1996 - 1999
Frederick J. Finch 1999 - 2002
Gerald R. Murray 2002 - 2006
Rodney J. McKinley 2006 - Present

AIR FORCE MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS



World War I

2nd Lt. Edwin R. Bleckley Killed in action
Maj. Richard I. Bong Died in 1945 accident
2nd Lt. Harold E. Goettler Killed in action
2nd Lt. Frank Luke Jr. Killed in action
Capt. Edward V. Rickenbacker Died 1973

World War II

Lt. Col. Addison E. Baker Killed in action
Maj. Richard I. Bong Died in 1945 accident
Maj. Horace S. Carswell Jr. Killed in action
Brig. Gen. Frederick W. Castle Killed in action
Maj. Ralph Cheli Died as POW, 1944
Col. Demas T. Crow Killed in action
Lt. Col. James H. Doolittle Died 1993
MSgt. Henry E. Erwin Died 2002
2nd Lt. Robert E. Femoyer Killed in action
1st Lt. Donald J. Gott Killed in action
Maj. Pierpont M. Hamilton Died 1982
Lt. Col. James H. Howard Died 1995
2nd Lt. Lloyd H. Hughes Killed in action
Maj. John L. Jerstad Killed in action
Col. Leon W. Johnson Died 1997
Col. John R. Kane Died 1996

Col. Neel E. Kearby Killed in action
2nd Lt. David R. Kingsley Killed in action
1st Lt. Raymond L. Knight Killed in action
1st Lt. William R. Lawley Jr. Died 1999
Capt. Darrell R. Lindsey Killed in action
SSgt. Archibald Mathies Killed in action
1st Lt. Jack W. Mathis Killed in action
Maj. Thomas B. McGuire Jr. Killed in action
2nd Lt. William E. Metzger Jr. Killed in action
1st Lt. Edward S. Michael Died 1994
2nd Lt. John C. Morgan Died 1991
Capt. Earl Pease Jr. Killed in action
1st Lt. Donald D. Puckett Killed in action
2nd Lt. Joseph R. Sarnoski Killed in action
Maj. William A. Shomo Died 1990
Sgt. Maynard H. Smith Died 1984
2nd Lt. Walter E. Truemper Killed in action
Lt. Col. Leon R. Vance Jr. Lost at sea, 1944
TSgt. Forrest L. Vosler Died 1992
Brig. Gen. Kenneth N. Walker Killed in action
Maj. Raymond H. Wilkins Killed in action
Maj. Jay Zeamer Jr. Died 2007

Korean War

Maj. George A. Davis Killed in action
Maj. Charles J. Loring Killed in action
Maj. Louis J. Seibile Killed in action
Capt. John S. Walmsley Killed in action

Vietnam War

Capt. Steven L. Bennett Killed in action
Col. George E. Day Killed in action
Maj. Marilyn H. Dethlefsen Died 1987
Maj. Bernard F. Fisher
1st Lt. James P. Fleming
Lt. Col. Joe M. Jackson Died in 1969 accident
Col. William A. Jones III Died 2002
A1C John L. Levitov Killed in action
A1C William H. Pittsenbarger Died as POW, 1968
Capt. Lance P. Sijan
Lt. Col. Leo K. Thorsness
Capt. Hilliard A. Wilbanks Killed in action
Capt. Gerald O. Young Died 1990

Source: Air Force Historical Research Agency